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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: BLUE LANTERN RESPONSE FOR PRE-LICENSE  
END-USE CHECK ON APPLICATION 05005023

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¶1. Poloff contacted Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Logisitcs Commander G.F. Abdul to inquire about the status of the reported sale of C-130 spare parts (reftel). Abdul said the NAF had not received C-130 spare parts in 2007. He further noted that while the NAF had received spare parts from United Technologies in the past, he was unfamiliar with Romeera Aero Spares Limited. Abdul's Deputy, who manages the day-to-day operations of the Logisitics Branch, confirmed that the NAF had not received spare parts shipments for C-130 aircraft. He also was unfamiliar with Romeera Aero Spares Limited.

¶2. Subsequent to receiving the Department's fax, which added Milwaukee-based Derco Aerospace, Inc. to the chain of supposed suppliers of the spare parts, on Commander Abdul's recommendation Poloff attempted follow-up visits with Corporal Mshelia of the Logistics Branch, but Mshelia failed to appear for any of three appointments.

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